महाराष्ट्र में केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित योजना के रूप में वृष्टिहीनता की रोकथाम संबंधी एक कार्यक्रम पहले से ही कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है। चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान महाराष्ट्र सरकार को 61.83 लाख रुपये की राशि जारी की गई है

मोतियाबिंद के बकाया रोगियों का इलाज करने पर ध्यान देने के लिये नेत्र परिचर्या सेवा को सुदृढ़ करने के लिये एक विस्तृत परियोजना विश्व बैंक को मूल्यांकन के लिये भेज दी गई है।

(ग) और (घ) बम्बई के जे०जे० अस्पताल में एड्स रोगियों के इलाज के लिये सुविधायें उपलब्ध हैं। राष्ट्रीय एड्स परियोजना के तहत, जिला अस्पतालों सहित देश के सभी प्रमुख अस्पतालों में एड्स रोगियों के इलाज के लिये सुविधायें विकसित की जायेंगी।

एड्स रोगियों के इलाज के लिये एक अलग अस्पताल खोलना संभव नहीं होगा क्योंकि एड्स रोगियों के लिए अनेक विषयों की विशेषज्ञ परिचर्या की आवश्यकता होगी जो केवल जनरल अस्पतालों में ही उपलब्ध हो सकेगी

Purchase of Electric Locomotives

*35. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have placed an order worth US$ 200 million for the outright pruchase of electric locomotives from the Swedish-German firm, ASEA-Brown Boveri (ABB) ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Concept of environment courts

*36. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD;
SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had floated the concept of Environment Courts, and if so, what are the main features thereof ;

(b) what is the present status of the proposed legislation in this regard ; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to involve the various Non-Governmental Organisation engaged in the Eco-health aspects such as South Solidarity which is actively championing this cause in the sub-continent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) A proposal to set up an Environment Tribunal to provide strict liability for damages arising out of any accident involving hazardous substances and also to provide for compensation and interim relief to the affected persons is under the consideration of Government.

(c) Access to the tribunals by aggrieved persons and representative bodies in the field of environment has been proposed.

Import of mobile vans for rural health scheme

*37. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a fleet of 300 rural health service mobile vans specially imported from Britain to promote rural health all over the country, are now lying unused in the court yards of various Medical Colleges in the country ;

(b) Whether Government have given up the Re-orientation of Medical Education (ROME) Scheme ;

(c) if so, when was the scheme launched and when was it given up ;

(d) what is the total expenditure incurred thereon and the reasons for giving up the scheme ; and

(e) what is the reason for not taking any step to utilise the equipment imported for the purpose for any other schemes beneficial to the common people ?